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1. A Soviet Air Force advance detail of 40 men arrived at the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) airfield on [REDACTED]. At that time, eight biplanes were parked in front of the hangar. *

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2. Jet fighters first arrived at the field on [REDACTED]. The field was occupied by 19 jet fighters with elevated rudder assembly, three jet fighters with flat rudder assembly, three single-engine aircraft, and eight biplanes which were previously seen there. **

3. Description of aircraft:

- a. The 19 jet fighters had a high rudder assembly slanting to the rear with the elevator assembly set high on the rudder assembly, nose wheel extending forward, landing gear retracting inward, air exhaust at tail about 50 cm in diameter and covered with a red cap when the plane is not in motion. A small flag was fitted forward of the small cockpit. *** There were weapons on both sides of the nose and slots on the edges of the tail. The numbers 4 and 6 were identified on two planes.

- b. The three jet fighters had a flat rudder assembly, and an air exhaust about 40 cm in diameter set under the fuselage aft of trailing edge of wings. The landing gear retracted inward with the nose wheel extending forward.

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4. The jet fighters with high rudder assemblies practiced firing at slave targets towed by single-engine planes. Based on the sound of the firing, [REDACTED] the guns were of about 20 mm.

5. A tent with a DF was on the western edge of the field. A radio installation was set up on the balcony of the flight control station. There was a mobile DF near the renovated officers' club and the Handelsorganisation (Trade Organization) store. No radar set was seen.

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6. Since [REDACTED] the runway has been lighted in different colors by portable illuminating boxes. These boxes are 40 x 80 cm and arranged about 200 meters apart on either side of the runway. There were obstacle lights. The overhead lines west of the field were lighted. All of the trees in the eastern flying lane were cut. To date, only day flights have been made with jet aircraft. Night flights were first made with single-engine aircraft on the night of [REDACTED]. At that time, a searchlight rotated from NE to SE at intervals.

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7. The Soviet dependents were quartered outside the airfield. About 300 MI were stationed at the field. All of the intact buildings at the field were lighted at night. The aircraft were refueled from barrels. Repair work was being done on metal tanks which were soon to be buried.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported on [REDACTED] that the airfield was occupied by about 100 air force troops.

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Sec [REDACTED] The biplanes, PO-2s, are probably courier planes of the army unit, previously quartered in the barracks buildings at the field.

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment. Most of the fighter aircraft arrived in Neuruppin on [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]

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On that day, 30 MIG-15s, 6 single-engine planes and 3 PO-2s landed there. Of the aircraft observed in paragraph 2, the jet aircraft with elevated rudder assemblies are MIG-15s, those with flat rudder assemblies type 16, and the single-engine aircraft probably Yak-11s.

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- *** [REDACTED] Comment. The purpose of the flag attached on the nose of the MIG-15s has not been determined. Such flags have also been observed on aircraft at other airfields.

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